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TAGS: CGEN(TOUBASY, MOHAMED ALI)

SUBJECT: REPORTED DETENTION OF MR. MOHAMED ALI TOUBASY

REF: A-3916, JUNE 6, 1975

1. DEPT INFORMED TODAY BY MRS. KATHERINE ELAINE TOUBASY (AN AMERICAN CITIZEN) OF THE ARREST OF HER HUSBAND, MR. MOHAMED ALI TOUBASY, A JORDANIAN CITIZEN. ACCORDING TO MRS. TOUBASY HER HUSBAND WAS REQUESTED BY JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES HERE IN U.S. TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY TO JORDAN TO SIGN PAPERS RELEASING HIM FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED TO HIM WHILE HE WAS SERVING IN JORDANIAN ARMY. MR. TOUBASY WAS GUARANTEED BY JORDANIAN OFFICIALS HERE THAT HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO U.S. UPON ARRIVING IN AMMAN MR. TOUBASY WAS SUPPOSEDLY MET AT AIRPORT BY POLICE AND PLACED UNDER ARREST. MR TOUBASY HAS A FATHER IN AMMAN, MR. ALI MAHMOUD TOUBASY, OWNER OF ALI TOUBASY BAKERY. FAMILY IN JORDAN WAS NOT NOTIFIED OF ARREST.

2. WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK ON MR. TOUBASY'S CONDITION, WHETHER HE IS UNDER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY DETENTION, WHAT CHARGES HAVE BEEN PLACED AGAINST HIM AND WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL BE RELEASED. TOUBASY'S AMERICAN RELATIVES, MOST ESPECIALLY HIS WIFE, ARE EXTREMELY UPSET AT HIS ARREST

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AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TRYING TO GET ANSWERS TO QUES-

TIONS ABOVE, PREFERABLY BY CONTACTING TOUBASY HIMSELF AND
TELLING HIM OF WIFE'S QUERY. INGERSOLL

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